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EO 11652: DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

TAGS: PINS, PINT, RH

SUBJECT: ANC LUSAKA ALLEGES SMITH-NKOMO POWER SHARING CONSPIRACY

REF: LUSAKA 1823

1. DURING EARLY EVENING SEPT 22 LUSAKA ANC OFFICE ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT ACCUSING IAN SMITH OF WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH JOSHUA NKOMO AND OTHER ZAPU LEADERS TO ESTABLISH REGIME IN RHODESIA "THAT WILL FOREVER DO WHAT THE SMITH REGIME IS DOING TODAY." ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE WHITE SMITH BUT BLACK NKOMO. STATEMENT ALLEGES SMITH AND NKOMO HAVE CONCLUDED SECRET DEAL, AGREED TO BY SOUTH AFRICAN PM VORSTER AND "OTHER FOREIGN FORCES" UNDER WHICH NKOMO WOULD BECOME PRIME MINISTER, WICKUS DE KOCK VICE PM, VAN DER BYL DEFENSE, LARDNER BURKE INTERIOR AND SECURITY, JACK HOWMAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND JOHN WRATHALL FINANCE. BLACKS WOULD HOLD PORTFOLIOS OF EDUCATION AND COMMERCE.

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2. ANC STATEMENT CONTINUES THAT SMITH ANTICIPATES BLACK FACE

AS PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE PROPOSED CABINET ACCEPTABLE TO AFRICAN STATES. SMITH RECENT STATEMENT ABOUT POWER-SHARING IS CALCULATED EXERCISE TO PREPARE MINDS OF RHODESIAN WHITES FOR "THIS REACTIONARY AND TREACHEROUS SCHEME" TO CREATE NEO-COLONIAL STATE IN ZIMBABWE FOR SERVICE OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALIST INTERESTS.

3. CONCLUDING, RELEASE STATES: "THE ANC (ZIMBABWE) WISHES TO RESTATE THAT GENUINE INDEPENDENCE IN ZIMBABWE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF AN ARMED STRUGGLE."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALLEGEDLY RELEASED IN NAME OF BISHOP MUZOREWA, ANC RELEASE READS LIKE PURE SITHOLE, ESPECIALLY PART ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS FLOWING ONLY FROM ARMED STRUGGLE. OPEN ATTACK BY ANC LUSAKA LEADERS ON NKOMO AS "SELL-OUT" DRIVES ONE MORE NAIL INTO COFFIN OF ANC UNITY. THUS FAR, ANC STATEMENT HAS NOT APPEARED IN ZAMBIAN PRESS NOR HAS IT BEEN CARRIED ON ZANA TICKER ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES.  
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